

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)			Docket No. 2065.005A	
Applicant(s): Prough, et al.				
Serial No. 10/042,718	Filing Date 07/16/2002	Examiner To Be Assigned	Group Art Unit 1731	

Invention:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE MOVEMENT AND DISCHARGE OF MATERIAL FROM VESSELS

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

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Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE MOVEMENT AND
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To: Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers

Dear Sir:

This Response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers is being submitted in reply to the Notice mailed January 21, 2003, which defined a 2-month response time from this mailing date. Since this Response is being filed on or before March 21, 2003, this Response is being timely filed and no extension fees need be paid.

REMARKS

In the above-referenced Notice, a copy of which is included with this Response, the Initial Patent Examination Division rejected the as-filed drawings as unacceptable per 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 and stated that the drawing must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. In Response to the Notice, the Applicant submits herewith drawing sheets 1/3, 2/3 and 3/3. The Applicant requests that these drawing sheets replace the unacceptable as-field drawing sheets 1, 2 and 3 and that the application be forwarded to examination. The Applicant believes that the drawings now comply with 37 CFR 1.84 and 1.121. An early and favorable action on the merits of the application is requested.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, the Applicant's undersigned agent invites the Initial Patent Examination Division or the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

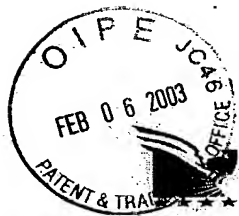
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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 1-3.

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